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Tennessee Wheat Yield Forecast At Record 58 Bushels Per Acre

Tennessee's 2006 winter wheat production is forecast at 11.0 million bushels, up 31 percent from 2005, according to a recent survey conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office. The State's average yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from a year earlier and, if realized, a new state record. Tennessee farmers seeded 300,000 acres last fall, 60,000 more than the previous year and the first acreage increase since 2000. Wheat producers expect to harvest 190,000 acres for grain, 40,000 more than a year ago. The remaining 110,000 acres were used as a cover crop or will be harvested for hay or silage. As of June 18, ninety-eight percent of the wheat crop was ripe, and three-fourths of the acreage had been harvested, a full week ahead of the normal pace.

U.S. Winter Wheat Production Down 16 Percent

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.26 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and 16 percent below 2005. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 40.5 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last month and 3.9 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Progress was significantly ahead of normal during the first part of the month due primarily to above average temperatures, but was almost even with the 5-year average by the end of the month. Harvest was underway in the southern-most portions of the growing area.

Winter Wheat: Tennessee, Surrounding States, and U.S., June 1, 2006 with Comparisons¹

State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Arkansas	160	300	52.0	55.0	8,320	16,500
Georgia	140	130	52.0	47.0	7,280	6,110
Kentucky	300	310	68.0	68.0	20,400	21,080
Mississippi	65	70	50.0	55.0	3,250	3,850
Missouri	540	870	54.0	53.0	29,160	46,110
North Carolina	435	440	57.0	48.0	24,795	21,120
TENNESSEE	150	190	56.0	58.0	8,400	11,020
Virginia	160	170	63.0	56.0	10,080	9,520
United States	33,794	31,177	44.4	40.5	1,499,129	1,263,766

¹ 2006 forecast, 2005 final.

Burley Tobacco: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by Counties, 2004-2005

District and County	Area Harvested		Yield ¹		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Acres		Pounds		Pounds	
Henry	400	500 ³	2.140	2.100 ³	855.000	1.050.000 ³
Weakley	105		1.990		209.000	
Other ²	5	100	1.600	2.100	8.000	210.000
District 20	510	600	2.100	2.100	1.072.000	1.260.000
Cheatham	115	³	2.350	³	270.000	³
Hickman	100	130	2.000	2.000	200.000	260.000
Montgomery	760	600	2.355	2.285	1.790.000	1.370.000
Robertson	1.600	1.200	2.405	2.315	3.850.000	2.775.000
Stewart	175	130	2.170	2.155	380.000	280.000
Other ²	190	260	2.055	2.150	390.000	559.000
District 30	2.940	2.320	2.340	2.260	6.880.000	5.244.000
Cannon	130	³	1.925	³	250.000	³
Clay	480	280	1.800	2.000	865.000	560.000
De Kalb	145	130	1.930	1.925	280.000	250.000
Jackson	320	190	1.845	2.000	590.000	380.000
Lincoln	185	145	1.810	1.930	335.000	280.000
Macon	4.400	3.550	1.750	1.810	7.700.000	6.430.000
Maurice	210	125	2.000	2.000	420.000	250.000
Smith	860	600	1.955	1.875	1.680.000	1.125.000
Sumner	1.120	800	2.145	1.865	2.400.000	1.490.000
Trousdale	700	450	1.945	2.100	1.360.000	945.000
Williamson	190	110	2.105	2.000	400.000	220.000
Wilson	225	180	1.955	2.030	440.000	365.000
Other ²	195	140	1.795	1.780	350.000	249.000
District 40	9.160	6.700	1.865	1.870	17.070.000	12.544.000
Fentress	134	³	1.980	³	265.000	³
Overton	195	100	2.000	2.000	390.000	200.000
Pickett	440	220	2.045	1.840	900.000	405.000
Putnam	240	140	1.915	1.895	460.000	265.000
White	210	140	1.905	2.000	400.000	280.000
Other ²	171	140	1.840	1.805	315.000	253.000
District 50	1.390	740	1.965	1.895	2.730.000	1.403.000
Blount	100	110	1.850	1.865	185.000	205.000
Bradley	105	150 ³	1.855	1.865 ³	195.000	280.000 ³
Campbell	100	³	1.750	³	175.000	³
Carter	125	³	1.720	³	215.000	³
Clayborne	1.300	750	1.775	2.265	2.305.000	1.700.000
Coker	300	210	1.800	1.810	540.000	380.000
Grainger	650	300	1.710	2.215	1.110.000	665.000
Greene	1.900	1.300	1.980	1.975	3.764.000	2.565.000
Hamblen	230	150	1.870	1.900	430.000	285.000
Hancock	500	220	1.770	2.705	885.000	595.000
Hawkins	1.380	1.100	1.720	1.970	2.375.000	2.165.000
Jefferson	340	250	1.895	2.040	645.000	510.000
Johnson	400	200	1.900	2.200	760.000	440.000
McMinn	270	280	1.850	1.910	500.000	535.000
Monroe	240	190 ³	1.835	1.870 ³	440.000	355.000 ³
Sevier	140		1.855		260.000	
Sullivan	430	250	1.815	2.020	780.000	505.000
Union	210	115	1.810	1.870	380.000	215.000
Washington	1.000	750	1.895	2.065	1.895.000	1.550.000
Other ²	280	315	1.745	1.900	489.000	599.000
District 60	10.000	6.640	1.835	2.040	18.328.000	13.549.000
State Total	24.000	17.000	1.920	2.000	46.080.000	34.000.000

¹Yield derived to nearest 5 pounds. ²Unlisted counties combined with "Other" counties to avoid disclosing individual operations. ³Combined with "Other" counties to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Dark Tobacco, by Types: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by Counties, 2004-2005

District and County	Area Harvested		Yield ¹		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Acres		Pounds		Pounds	
	Dark Fire-Cured (Class 2)					
Henry	350	350	3,345	3,145	1,170,000	1,100,000
Other ²	70	55	3,085	2,725	216,000	150,000
District 20	420	405	3,300	3,085	1,386,000	1,250,000
Cheatham	530	460	2,925	2,915	1,550,000	1,340,000
Dickson	540	470	2,870	2,765	1,550,000	1,300,000
Montgomery	1,430	1,260	3,145	3,100	4,500,000	3,905,000
Robertson	2,250	2,400	3,200	3,015	7,200,000	7,240,000
Stewart	400	400	3,000	2,900	1,200,000	1,160,000
Other ²	65	50	2,845	3,100	185,000	155,000
District 30	5,215	5,040	3,105	2,995	16,185,000	15,100,000
Other ²	85	55	2,880	2,725	245,000	150,000
State Total	5,720	5,500	3,115	3,000	17,816,000	16,500,000
	Dark Air-Cured (Type 35)					
Robertson	330	280	2,880	2,730	950,000	765,000
Other ²	27	27	2,555	2,405	69,000	65,000
District 30	357	307	2,855	2,705	1,019,000	830,000
Sumner	145	²	2,550	²	370,000	²
Other ²	12	120	2,585	2,400	31,000	288,000
District 40	157	120	2,555	2,400	401,000	288,000
Other ²	26	23	2,500	2,260	65,000	52,000
State Total	540	450	2,750	2,600	1,485,000	1,170,000
All Tobacco						
State Total ⁴	30,260	22,950	2,161	2,251	65,381,000	51,670,000

¹ Yield derived to nearest 5 pounds, except all tobacco to the nearest pound. ² Unlisted counties combined with "Other" counties to avoid disclosing individual operations. ³ No individual counties published. ⁴ Includes burley.

Tobacco, Class 3¹: Price and Value, by State and United States, 2004-2005²

State	Price per Pound		State	Price per Pound	
	2004	2005		2004	2005
	Dollars			Dollars	
Indiana	1.982	²	Ohio	1.990	1.582
Kentucky	2.000	1.560	Tennessee	1.980	1.600
Missouri	1.980	1.540	Virginia	1.977	1.575
North Carolina	1.943	1.560	West Virginia	1.970	1.550
United States	1.994	1.564			

¹ Includes light air-cured and burley. ² 2004 and 2005 revised. ³ Estimates discontinued in 2005.

Tobacco, Dark Class 2 and 3, Price and Value by Class, Type, State and United States, 2004-2005¹

State	Dark Fire-Cured (Class 2) Price per Pound		State	Dark Air-Cured (Class 3) Price per Pound	
	2004	2005		2004	2005
	Dollars			Dollars	
Kentucky	2.533	2.350	Kentucky	2.205	2.130
Tennessee	2.547	2.410	Tennessee	2.120	2.200
Virginia	1.798	1.974	Virginia	1.476	²

United States	2.513	2.369	United States	2.187	2.137
¹ 2004 and 2005 revised. ² No sun-cured tobacco was harvested in 2005.					

Tennessee Livestock Network to Provide Competitive Advantage

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee livestock producers looking for a competitive advantage through age and source verification now have a new partner – the Tennessee Livestock Network. The Tennessee Livestock Network (TLN) was chartered May 26 at Ellington Agricultural Center in Nashville and represents a coalition of livestock interests that have come together to expand markets and improve efficiency and quality in Tennessee livestock. The main purpose of the new organization is to make Tennessee producers more competitive in marketing their livestock domestically and internationally according to TLN president and Giles County cattle producer, Steve Scott.

“This is a significant development in the industry to have all of these partners and resources coming together to advance livestock marketing in Tennessee,” said Scott. “This makes Tennessee one of only a handful of states providing this kind of service to its producers.” Charter members of the TLN include representatives the American Dairy Association of Tennessee, the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association, the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation and the Tennessee Livestock Markets Association. Other non-voting member organizations include the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association and the University of Tennessee Extension.

Age and source verification is a marketing tool for producers and is completely voluntary according to TLN members. Age and source verification is an auditable process that provides prospective buyers with assurance as to the farm of origin as well as the maximum age of livestock. “Age and source verification is the way of the future of livestock marketing. Today’s buyers, and ultimately the consumer, want to know where and how their food is produced and this provides a starting place in meeting that demand,” said Scott.

The way the system works is that producers agree to maintain good management records for identification and age, something Scott says many producers are already doing. Participating producers tag their livestock using approved identification methods, to be determined later by the TLN board. The information is maintained by a livestock data service, which acts as the certification entity for buyers and sellers of livestock and performs reviews of producer records for verification purposes.

TLN has partnered with the Southeastern Livestock Network, LLC to deliver services in Tennessee. The SLN is a 10-state effort that provides a process verification program (PVP) for export certification by AgInfoLink, USA along with tag allocation tools provided by IMI Global. The system is designed to provide producers and markets with maximum flexibility.

Scott says the focus of TLN right now is on cattle simply because of the number of producers, but they hope to expand the program to other species as interest develops. TLN members say that age and source verification is not the same and should not be confused with animal identification, which is being developed by USDA to help safeguard animal health. “Both programs are important, and part of the objective of TLN is to better coordinate the two programs so that producers aren’t duplicating efforts,” added Scott.

For more information about the Tennessee Livestock Network, contact the Tennessee Department of Agriculture at (615) 837-5189.